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In re application of: )  
Applicants: Carlo Alberto Zaggia et al )  
Ser. No.: 10/724,176 )Group Art Unit: 1772  
Filed: December 1, 2003 )Examiner: Unknown  
For: Tearable plastic film particularly for... )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents – Mail Stop **D.D.**

Washington D.C. 20231 USA

Sir,

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Applicant herewith encloses copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the European Search Report issued for the counterpart European Patent Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application. The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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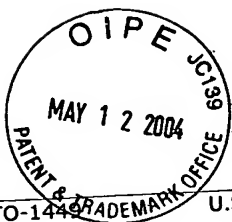
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